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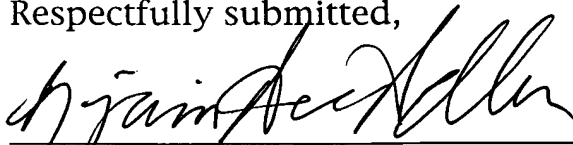
Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the Office Action in the above-referenced patent application mailed October 28, 2004 be extended for one (1) month to and including February 28, 2005. Please charge the \$60 extension fee to the credit card indicated on the attached form PTO-2038.

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